

Due to the volume of business my office handles, it would be impossible for my employees to keep track of the numerous fax contacts we have and be sure we have current fax permission forms on file. We send correspondence considered as "commercial" under this regulation several times a day, often to new contacts with businesses we have had a long standing relationship with, such as insurance companies and hospitals. Compliance with this regulation would mean extra workload and time for my staff, as well as extra expense for me, such as payroll expense, social security expense, tax expense, unemployment expense, and health coverage expense. It would also mean more mailing expense if we are unable to obtain written consent to fax. I believe that small businesses (with less than 25 employees) should be exempt, and that a patient or business relationship should serve as prior consent.